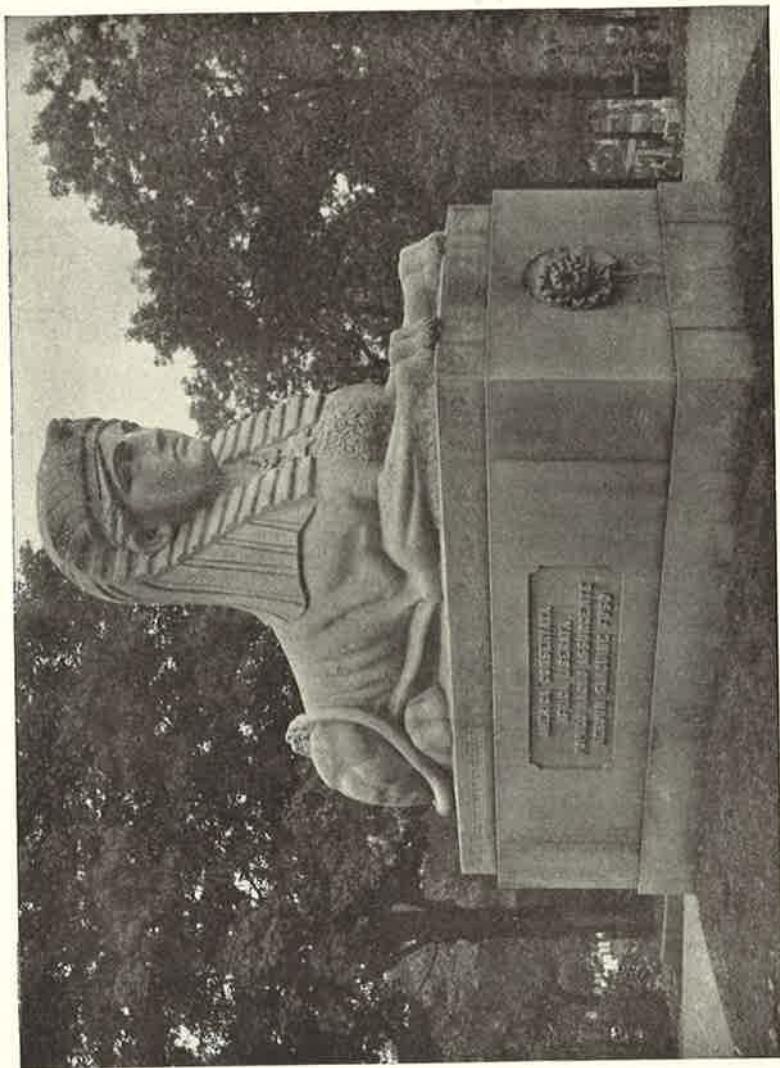

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery

JANUARY 1, 1910.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES
OF THE
Cemetery of Mount Auburn
FOR 1909.



TOGETHER WITH
THE REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

BOSTON :
THOMAS GROOM & CO., INC.
No. 105 STATE STREET.
1910.



OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1909.

TRUSTEES.

JEROME JONES - - - - -	<i>Term expires in</i>	1910
EDWARD W. HUTCHINS - - - - -	" "	1910
ALFRED HEMENWAY - - - - -	" "	1911
JOSEPH B. RUSSELL - - - - -	" "	1911
CHARLES H. WATSON - - - - -	" "	1912
PRENTISS CUMMINGS - - - - -	" "	1912
FRANCIS C. FOSTER - - - - -	" "	1913
THOMAS P. BEAL - - - - -	" "	1913
CHARLES F. CHOATE - - - - -	" "	1914
FRANKLIN W. HOBBS - - - - -	" "	1914
WILLIAM L. RICHARDSON - - - - -	" "	1915
DAVID R. WHITNEY - - - - -	" "	1915

PRESIDENT.

PRENTISS CUMMINGS.

Secretary and Treasurer.

JOHN L. DILL.

Superintendent.

JAMES C SCORGIE.

Offices of the Corporation.

ROOMS 601, 602 and 603,
SEARS BUILDING,
BOSTON.
TELEPHONE, 3662 MAIN.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,
P. O. ADDRESS
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
TELEPHONE, 687 CAMBRIDGE.

The offices of the corporation are open daily from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M., excepting from May 1 to October 1, when they close at 12 M. on Saturdays.

The office of the Superintendent is open from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. daily, except on Sundays and Holidays, when a clerk is in attendance (for the reception of interment business only) from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

For the convenience of Proprietors unable to go to the Cemetery, the Superintendent is at the Boston office every Monday, from 10.30 A. M. to 12.30 P. M.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees submit to the Proprietors this their seventy-eighth annual report, and annex thereto the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The affairs of the corporation during the past year have been prosperous even more than usual. The proceeds of the sale of lots have amounted to \$10,744.60, which is a little in excess of last year's receipts on the same account. The amount added to the fund for perpetual care of lots was \$71,044.23, which is the largest sum ever received in a single year for the same purpose, and this fund, known as the Repair Fund, now amounts to \$1,627,940.36. It is to be remembered however, that while this increase during the year is gratifying, the increase in the liabilities of the corporation is correspondingly greater. The Permanent Fund, intended to provide for the care of the cemetery after the sale of lots has ceased, has gained \$13,570.55, and now amounts to \$545,590.33. The General Fund, established to meet expenses for renewals and improvements, now amounts to \$229,084.93, having increased during the past year \$7,504.35. The Repair Fund above named is absolutely a trust fund, and in no proper sense the property of the corporation; but the other two funds have been established for specific purposes, and are also trust funds in the sense that they can only be used for the proper care, maintenance and improvement of the cemetery.

The ravages of brown-tail moths and similar pests in the cemetery have been kept well under control during the past year; and all the buildings and property of the corporation have been maintained in good order and repair.

The crypts in the old chapel for the disposition of cremated ashes mentioned in the report of last year have been completed, and sixteen

have been leased for that purpose, the net receipts therefor being \$1,008. In addition the sum of \$480 was received, and placed in the Repair Fund for the perpetual care and maintenance of the crypts so disposed of.

The Trustees renew the notice given in the last two reports that they have authorized the repurchase of lots from lot owners desiring to sell, the object being to secure the perpetual care of such lots on a resale. Experience has shown that, from the dying out and removal of families, and from the difficulty where there are several heirs of securing united action, lots not under perpetual care are too often neglected. Proprietors who have not made provision for the permanent care of their lots should give the matter prompt and serious consideration.

It is not to be inferred from the repurchase of lots that the corporation has no longer lots unsold. On the contrary there are many such of varying sizes in every part of the cemetery as desirable as those already disposed of.

For further particulars respecting the finances and business of the corporation reference may be had to the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent hereto annexed.

For the Board of Trustees,

PRENTISS CUMMINGS,

President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year	\$25,457.44
He has received from sundry parties —	
For sale of lots.....	\$10,744.60
" labor and materials on lots.....	69,052.63
" deposits in receiving tomb.....	930.00
	80,727.23
" sale of crypts.....	1,008.00
" deeds and transfers.....	\$192.00
" interest on loans, etc.....	8,202.25
" Notes Receivable.....	22,486.06
	30,880.31
" City of Somerville bonds.....	9,000.00
" Commonwealth of Massachusetts bond.....	9,925.00
" City of Lynn Massachusetts bond.....	10,000.00
	28,925.00
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co....	
on account of income on Permanent Fund.....	8,250.00
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one-quarter of expenditure grading new land for sale.....	56.01
Premiums retired	215.34
	<u>\$175,519.83</u>

FOR THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR, 1909.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties —	
For labor (pay roll)	\$44,110.81
“ materials	18,768.21
“ repairs, buildings and fences	4,718.39
“ receiving tomb drawbacks	18.00
“ lots repurchased	<u>200.00</u>
	\$67,815.41
For expenses —	
For salaries	\$12,943.46
“ office expenses	6,404.70
“ taxes on real estate	2,120.10
“ insurance	<u>82.37</u>
	21,550.63
“ notes receivable, secured by mortgage	7,000.00
“ N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R. bonds	19,950.00
“ Chicago R. I. & Pacific R. R. bonds	10,000.00
“ City of Pittsfield bonds	<u>9,871.00</u>
	46,821.00
“ premium on bonds	1,400.00
Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	2,514.15
Balance in hands of Treasurer	<u>35,418.14</u>
	\$175,519.33

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer as per last report....	\$11,212.62
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He has received —

From notes receivable	\$50,350.00
“ endowments	44,600.64
“ income of investments	61,813.57
“ premiums retired	1,896.02
	<hr/> 158,660.28
	<hr/> \$169,872.85

He has paid for said account —

For care and improvement of lots	34,269.43
“ notes receivable, secured by mortgage	11,500.00
“ City of Taunton bonds	10,000.00
“ Illinois Central R.R. bonds	20,000.00
“ City of Baltimore bonds	20,000.00
“ City of Buffalo bonds	25,000.00
“ City of New Britain bonds	15,000.00
“ Portland and Ogdensburg R.R. bonds	20,000.00
“ premium on bonds	4,167.50
“ accrued interest on bonds	900.55
“ perpetual care of grass on lot repurchased.....	200.00
	<hr/> 161,087.48
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	8,885.37
	<hr/> \$169,872.85

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY

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REPAIR FUND.

Endowment for perpetual care of lots, as per last report.....	\$1,556,896.13
Additions during the year.....	71,044.23
	<u>\$1,627,940.36</u>

Invested as follows—

Notes receivable, secured by mortgage.....	601,420.00
Railroad bonds.....	539,920.20
Municipal bonds.....	424,450.00
Other bonds.....	20,000.00
Unretired premiums on bonds.....	33,314.79
Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	8,835.37
	<u>\$1,627,940.36</u>

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$35,418.14
Municipal bonds.....	42,871.00
Railroad bonds.....	89,075.00
Other bonds.....	50,000.00
Premiums on bonds, unretired.....	2,626.95
Bills for labor and material uncol- lected	\$11,263.48
Less due sundry persons for labor and materials	2,169.64
	<u>\$9,093.84</u>
	<u>\$229,084.93</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposit with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. as per last report.....	\$532,019.78
Interest.....	\$21,820.55
Less transferred to General Fund	<u>8,250.00</u>
	<u>13,570.55</u>
	<u>\$545,590.33</u>

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION.

Consists of nearly 136 acres of Cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water-works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, new chapel, office buildings and statuary, old chapel remodeled for crematory, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house and 5,620 feet of land on Mt. Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 60,954 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, propagating greenhouse situated on Mound Avenue within the Cemetery, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Swain and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. DILL,

BOSTON, December 31, 1909.

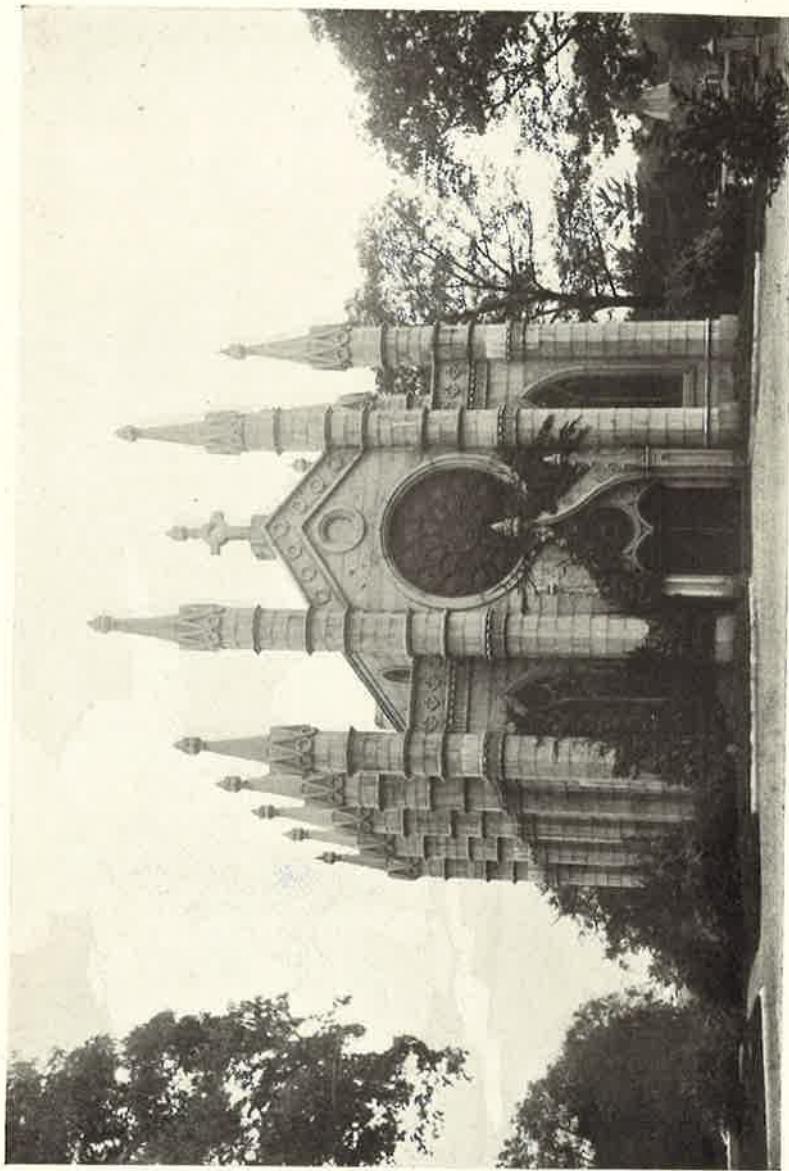
Treasurer.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year nineteen hundred and nine have been examined by Mr. Gerald Wyman, professional accountant, who has reported that he found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments; property in value and kind to agree with the accounts of the Treasurer was exhibited to and examined by him, and he also certifies that in the general account there is a cash balance of \$35,418.14 and in the fund for repairs of \$8,835.37.

CHARLES H. WATSON,
THOMAS P. BEAL,

JANUARY 1, 1910.

Committee on Finance.



CREMATORI

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:—

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 1909.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts.....	26
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded.....	81
“ old lots bounded with granite posts.....	18
“ lots furnished with granite numbers.....	50
“ headstones erected.....	279
“ monuments erected.....	40
“ catch basins built.....	18
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built.....	265
“ iron fences removed.....	10
“ granite curbings removed.....	5

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report.....	37,054
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1909.....	447
“ “ removals from other cemeteries.....	20
Total number of interments for the year.....	467
“ “ “ in the cemetery.....	37,521
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb.....	24
“ “ “ interments in public lots.....	21
“ “ “ deposited in crypts.....	5

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:—

To public lots.....	0
To private lots.....	29
Total removals within the cemetery.....	29
“ “ from the cemetery.....	19
Total number of removals.....	48

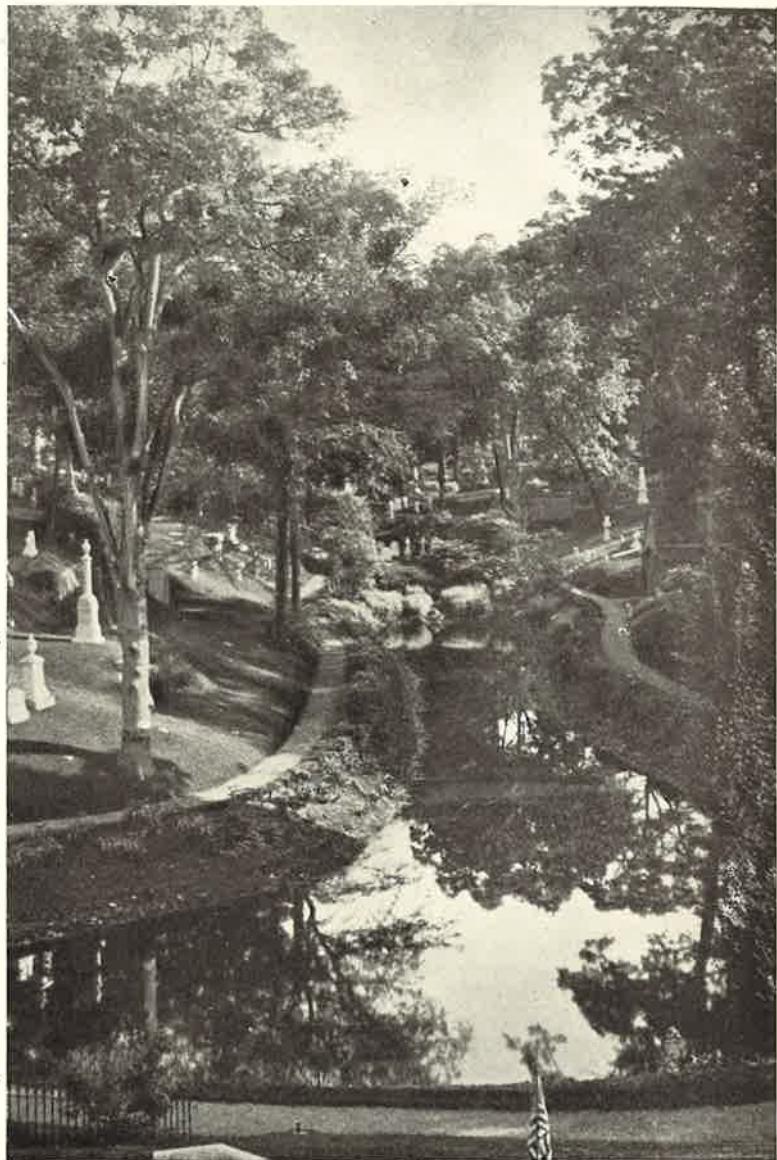
CREMATION RECORD.

Total number of incinerations, as per last report.....	1,434
Number of incinerations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1909.....	254
Total.....	1,688

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,
Supt. of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

SUPT'S OFFICE, December 31, 1909.



FOREST POND

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Article VIII of the By-Laws as follows:—

DONATION IN TRUST.—“The Trustees may receive in trust from a proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of this lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY.—“The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in the bonds or notes of such other corporations, which have earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment, as shall be deemed a proper and suitable investment by the Committee on Finance; or in such investments as are authorized by the State of Massachusetts for Savings banks, provided:

“That no investment in excess of \$40,000 (par value) shall be made in any one security, and

“That the Committee on Finance shall report monthly to the President, to be laid before the Trustees at the next meeting, a list of all investments which shall have been made from this fund since the previous meeting.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a

ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST.—“A proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation.

Annexed to the **GUARANTEE CONTRACT** is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* **FOR EVER**, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including re-sodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monuments or headstones are added subsequently to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for **DONATION IN TRUST**, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given on page 14 of this report.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said Cemetery.

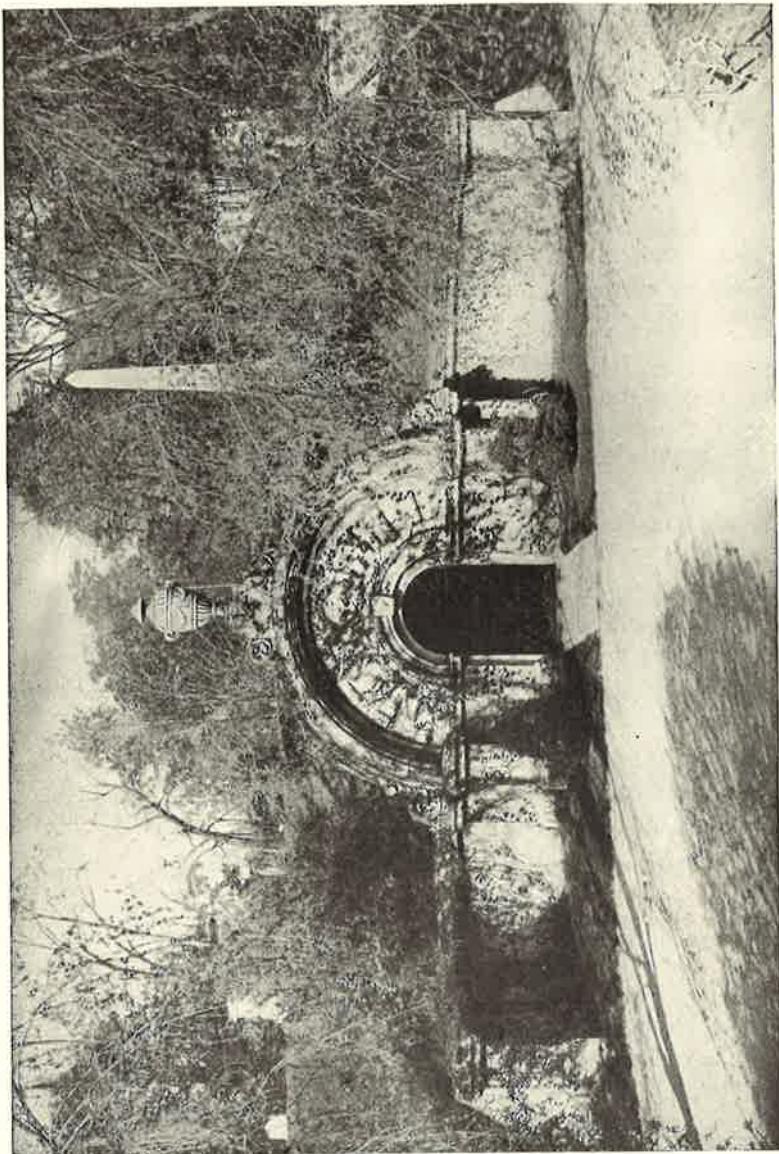
FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

(Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.)

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

RECEIVING TOMB



REGULATIONS GOVERNING CREMATIONS MADE AT THE CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

Before receiving a body for cremation, the Superintendent of the Cemetery shall take an order, signed by the nearest relative of the deceased, or by whoever has legal possession of the body.

If the death took place within the State of Massachusetts, Chapter 138, Acts of 1907, must be complied with, to wit:

The body of a deceased person shall not be cremated within forty-eight hours after his decease unless death was caused by a contagious or infectious disease, and, if the death occurred within the Commonwealth, the body shall not be received or cremated by any corporation authorized to cremate the bodies of the dead until its officers have received the certificate or burial permit required by law before burial, and a certificate from a medical examiner that he has viewed the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of death, and is of opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary. If the death occurs without the Commonwealth, the reception and cremation of the body of a deceased person shall be governed by a by-law or regulation made or approved by the State Board of Health.

The State Board of Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has established the following regulations governing the cremation of bodies received from without the State:

1. A dead body received for cremation from without the Commonwealth shall be accompanied by the usual burial permit required by law before burial, and, if from a State in which district medical examiners are established by law, by a certificate from that officer, similar to that required in this Commonwealth. If from a State in which there are no district medical examiners, it shall be accompanied by the sworn certificate of the attending physician, if any, of the deceased, setting forth the cause of death.

2. No dead body received from without the Commonwealth shall be cremated by any corporation authorized to cremate the bodies of the dead until its officers shall have received a certificate from a medical examiner of this

Commonwealth that he has viewed the body and is of the opinion that no further examination or judicial inquiry concerning the same is necessary.

3. Where the death occurred without the Commonwealth more than ten years prior to the time of the presentation of the body for cremation, it may be cremated on receipt by said corporation of the certificate or burial permit required by the laws of this Commonwealth before burial.

Except in cases of necessity incineration should begin at least one hour before sunset.

The average time needed for an incineration is one hour. The body is placed in the retort, enclosed in the casket as received at the cemetery, the name-plate, metal handles, etc., being first removed. Two hours after the incineration the ashes can be delivered to the family, in a copper cylinder, terra-cotta urn or wooden casket, as they may select. If marble, bronze, or Wedgwood urns (with the name age, etc., inscribed) are desired they can be provided at some additional cost.

The charge for the cremation of the body of an adult will be \$30 and that of a child under ten years of age \$20. If the ashes are interred in a lot in the cemetery of Mount Auburn, no charge will be made for the interment, unless a brick, or other special grave is ordered.

In cases where the body is brought from without the Commonwealth, the charge for the medical examiner's certificate required by regulation No. 2 of the State Board of Health, will be borne by this Corporation.

Incineration should not be made on Sunday, unless the cause of death is certified as contagious or infectious. An additional charge of \$5 will be made for a cremation on Sunday.

All the necessary blanks and further information desired may be had on application to

J. C. SCORGIE.

Superintendent Mount Auburn Cemetery,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.
 ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES
 FOR 1910.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional
300 " "	3.00	2.00	parts of 100 feet will be
400 " "	4.00	2.50	charged the rate of the
500 " "	5.00	3.00	next larger size when that
600 " "	6.00	3.50	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to the Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally or by letter, at the Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary re-interments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, re-sodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted*.

TO PROPRIETORS.
INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as Title to lot held as real estate. The proprietor can convey his lot, or devise it by will; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-
If proprietor dies intestate.

at-law, who are (Rev. Laws, Chap. 133, Sect. 1):—

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue and no father or mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and issue of any deceased brother or sister.

Heirs-at-law.

6. If no issue and no father, mother, brother, or sister, and no issue of any deceased brother or sister, then next of kin.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot Rights of husband and widow in lot. during her life; and, if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of it during life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sects. 26, 28.) The same rights in a tomb or lot of his wife have now been given to a husband. (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 29.)

Provisions of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or, if not devised and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representative to be designated.

Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26, and Sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation provide that if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot.

Representative no control over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. The heirs-at-law or devisees are tenants in common, and no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

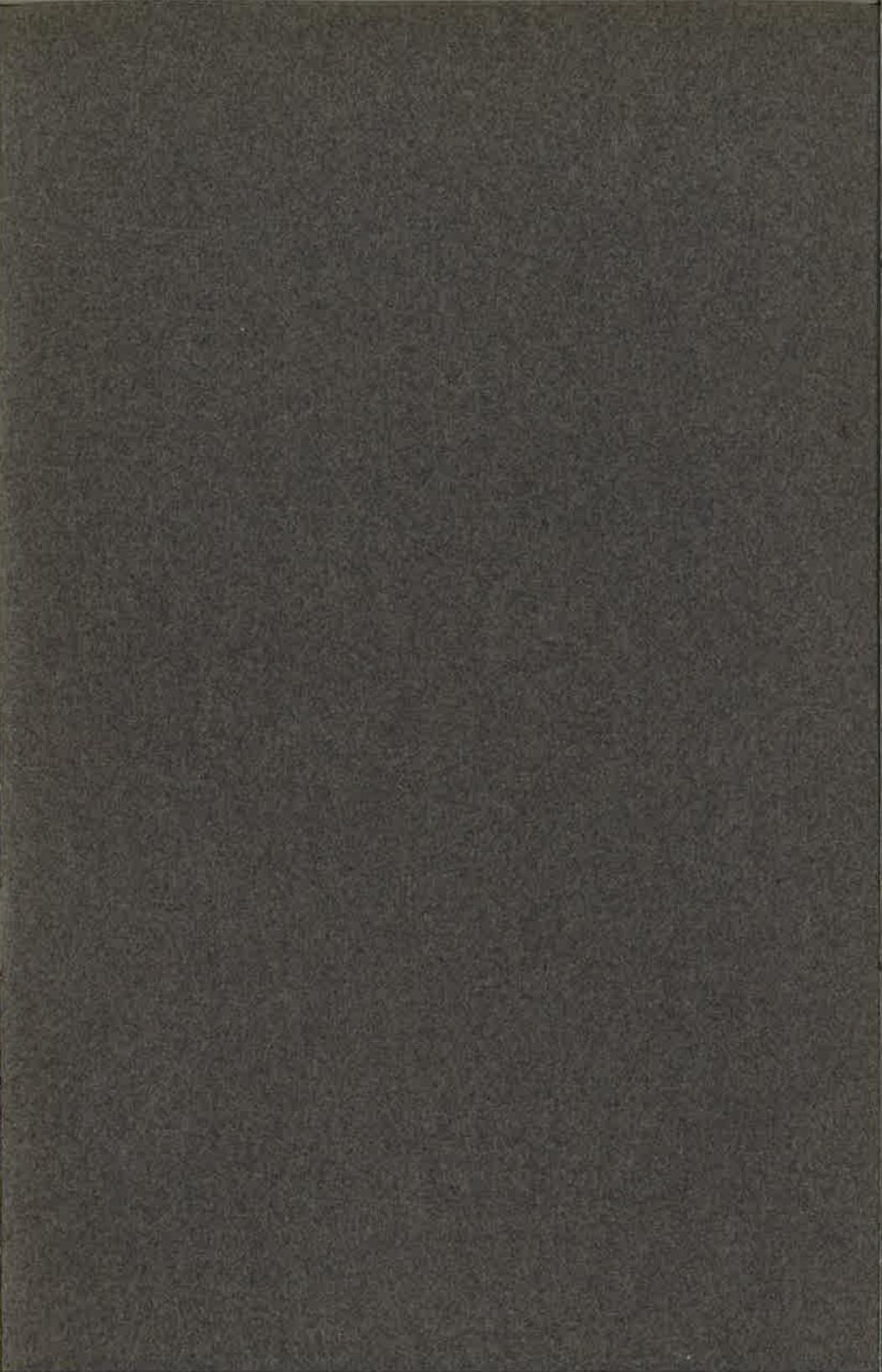
Petitions for representation. Importance of prompt return.

It is **IMPORTANT** that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be **PROMPTLY** returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*; otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisible.
No record of part ownership.

Lots are *indivisible* (Rev. Laws, Chap. 78, Sect. 26), and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. VII.)

JOHN L. DILL,
Secretary.



Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation,
199 Washington Street.

Boston, Jan. 29, 1910.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the offices of the Corporation, Nos. 601, 602 and 603 Sears Building, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 7, 1910, at 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, consider changing the Clause in Article VIII of the By-Laws, "That no investment in excess of \$40,000, par value, shall be made in any one security," so that the same shall read as follows: "That no investment in excess of 5% of the amount of the 'Repair Fund,' shall be made in any one security," and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

JOHN L. DILL, Secretary.